

September _____, 2011

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Walker:

A great deal of time and emphasis is being spent on keeping companies from leaving Wisconsin and attracting new businesses and jobs to our state. I understand you need jobs and good companies for a healthy economy. That's one reason I hope you'll help bring a major job creator to Wisconsin – the proposed Menominee casino and entertainment center in Kenosha.

I greatly appreciate and respect your campaign promise to create strategies to bring 250,000 new jobs to the State of Wisconsin. This project is one that is sure to bring much needed permanent jobs and revenue to the State of Wisconsin. One reason that the Kenosha project so important to me is the astonishing amount of permanent quality jobs and increased revenue that it will bring to the State of Wisconsin. During these stifling economic times, it is refreshing to hear of projects that do not require State dollars for development, construction, or operation.

I am proud to be a friend and supporter of the Menominee Tribe. I'm not sure you've ever had the opportunity to visit the Menominee Reservation here in Wisconsin, about 160 miles from Madison. But I can tell you that the poverty and struggles you likely remember from your time of service to inner city Milwaukee are very much alive in Menominee County. They desperately need jobs and funding to teach their children, care for their people, build homes and feed their families – and the need is even greater as a result of the current recession.

The Tribe's unmet needs are significant, and the Kenosha casino would go a long way in addressing them. Please help by asking the Obama Administration to review the Menominee proposal – which was wrongly dismissed in the waning days of the Bush Administration – and issue a new decision of approval, based on the law in effect at the time of initial application. Then, please approve the project yourself.

Governor Walker, you have the power to help make the casino happen and to help create new opportunities for an impoverished Wisconsin Tribe to become self-sufficient. I hope you'll use your authority to help the 8,551-plus Menominee Tribal members, most of whom call Wisconsin home.

Sincerely,

FRIEND & SUPPORTER OF THE MENOMINEE TRIBE